

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, as initially filed in the parent patent application Serial No. 09/715,688 have been canceled. However, applicants do not waive any right to present the same claims, similar claims, or other claims in a future continuation application.

The specification as filed in this continuation application includes minor corrections.

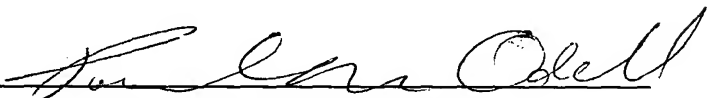
Claims 1-13 as initially filed in this continuation application are identical with the parent application claims 1-13.

It is applicant's intention in this continuation application to prosecute claims identical or similar to the non-elected claims 10-13 of the parent application Serial No. 09/715,688, as well as additional claims.

It is requested that the calculation of the filing fee be based upon the revised set of claims after entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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